

EXHIBIT 17

CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION

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ENTER CHARGE NUMBER

FEPA
 EEOC

01-13-10691

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

(State or local Agency, if any)

and EEOC

NAME (Indicate Mr., Ms., or Mrs.)
Charles RobinsonHOME TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)
617-523-6511

STREET ADDRESS

C/O Frank L. Fragomeni, Jr., Attorney, 15 Broad St., Boston, MA 02109

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE
COUNTY

NAMED IS THE EMPLOYER, LABOR ORGANIZATION, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE, STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHO DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME (If more than one list below.)

NAME
Verizon Services GroupNO. OF EMPLOYEES/MEMBERS
In excess of six (6)

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

STREET ADDRESS
125 High Street, Boston, MA

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

NAME

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CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (Check appropriate box(es))

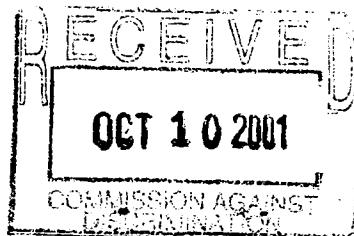
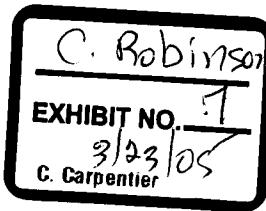
RACE COLOR SEX RELIGION NATIONAL ORIGIN
 AGE RETALIATION OTHER (Specify)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING
DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE
(Month, day, year)

8/7/01

THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional space is needed, attach extra sheet(s)):

I have been employed by Verizon and its predecessors for nearly thirty (30) years with excellent reviews. I was terminated and my duties were delegated to employees under forty (40) years of age. I was the only employee terminated out of twelve (12) department members ten of which are forty years old or under.



I also want this charge filed with the EEOC.
 I will advise the agencies if I change my address or telephone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures.

NOTARY - (When necessary to meet State and Local Requirements)

I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

Charles J. Robinson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWEARN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE

10/7/01